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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS - AGREEMENT ON REMOTE SENSING SYSTEM

REF: (A) MEXICO 1315, (B) STATE 42967, (C) MEXICO 3221

1. PARA FOUR (G) OF REF (A) RECOMMENDED DEVELOPMENT OF A REMOTE SENSING SYSTEM FOR ILLICIT CROPS AND PROPOSED ASSISTANCE TO THE GOM FOR THIS PURPOSE TOTALLING \$200,000 IN FY-1978 AND \$4.6 MILLION IN FY-1979. EMBASSY NOTES FROM SOHLIN TO LINNEMANN MEMORANDUM OF MARCH 27 THAT DEPARTMENT PLANS TO PROGRAM \$3.2 MILLION FOR THIS PURPOSE IN FY-1978.

2. EMBASSY PROPOSES NEW AGREEMENT WITH GOM FOR THIS SUBPROJECT AND SUGGESTS FOLLOWING LANGUAGE FOR OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS:

(A) THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AGREES TO PROVIDE, SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF ADEQUATE FUNDS, EQUIPMENT, SERVICES, TRAINING AND/OR FUNDING ON AN ADVANCE OR
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REIMBURSABLE BASIS, ALL AS MUTUALLY AGREED UPON, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO OF AN ADVANCED ILLICIT CROP DETECTION SYSTEM WHICH SHALL CONSIST OF:

(1) AN ELECTRO-OPTICAL MULTISPECTRAL SCANNER SYSTEM DESIGNED TO LOCATE ILLICIT CROPS FROM AN ALTITUDE OF

APPROXIMATELY 40,000 FEET;

(2) AN AIRCRAFT CAPABLE OF CARRYING THE SCANNER TO ITS DESIGN ALTITUDE AND MEETING OTHER MISSION REQUIREMENTS;
AND

(3) ALL DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE NEEDED TO PROCESS THE DATA RECORDED BY THE SCANNER SYSTEM.

(B) THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FURTHER AGREES TO LOAN TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO, FOR TWO PERIODS OF APPROXIMATELY FIVE MONTHS EACH BETWEEN THE DATE OF THIS AGREEMENT AND THE DELIVERY OF AN OPERATIONAL ADVANCED ILLICIT CROP DETECTION SYSTEM, AN ELECTRO-OPTICAL SCANNER SYSTEM OWNED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND CAPABLE OF LOCATING ILLICIT CROPS FROM AN ALTITUDE OF APPROXIMATELY 25,000 FEET. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ALSO AGREES, SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF ADEQUATE FUNDS, TO MODIFY AN AIRCRAFT PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO TO CARRY THIS SCANNER SYSTEM, AND TO PROVIDE SUCH DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT, SOFTWARE AND TECHNICAL SERVICES AS SHALL BE NEEDED TO PROCESS THE DATA RECORDED BY THIS SCANNER SYSTEM. THE DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO.

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(C) THE TOTAL COST TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT UNDER THIS AGREEMENT SHALL NOT EXCEED THREE MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (US\$ 3,200,000).

(D) THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO, IN ORDER TO FURTHER THE PURPOSES OF THIS AGREEMENT, AGREES:

(1) TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT QUALIFIED PERSONNEL TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE EQUIPMENT TO BE PROVIDED;

(2) TO PROVIDE SUITABLE SPACE AND NECESSARY SERVICES FOR BOTH DATA PROCESSING SYSTEMS TO BE PROVIDED;

(3) TO FACILITATE THE MODIFICATION OF AN AIRCRAFT PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED AND TO UTILIZE THE AIRCRAFT FOR REMOTE SENSING PURPOSES DURING THE PERIODS THAT AN ELECTRO-OPTICAL SCANNER SYSTEM IS AVAILABLE ON LOAN;

(4) TO PERMIT AN ADEQUATE NUMBER OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TECHNICIANS, AS MUTUALLY AGREED UPON, ACCESS TO THE EQUIPMENT PROVIDED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT AND PERMIT THEM TO WORK WITH THE EMPLOYEES OF THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT ASSIGNED TO THIS PROJECT TO FACILITATE JOINT DEVELOPMENT,

TESTING AND EVALUATION OF THE RESULTS; AND

(5) TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT COPIES OF DATA TAPES GENERATED BY THE ADVANCED ILLICIT CROP DETECTION SYSTEM AFTER IT BECOMES OPERATIONAL IN ORDER TO FACILITATE FURTHER RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THIS TECHNOLOGY.

3. ABOVE CONDITIONS ON USG AND GOM WERE DEVELOPED FROM PROJECT DESCRIPTION CONTAINED IN REF (C). USE OF THE PHRASE "SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF ADEQUATE FUNDS" IN PARAS (A) AND (B) ABOVE SEEMS PRUDENT SINCE TOTAL PROJECT WILL COST MORE THAN THE \$3.2 MILLION CURRENTLY AVAILABLE. WE RECOMMEND THAT THIS AGREEMENT CONTAIN UNCLASSIFIED

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FAIRLY COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF OVERALL PROJECT AND OBLIGATIONS OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS BUT THAT, FROM FINANCIAL SIDE, WE LIMIT USGIABILITY WITH QUALIFICATION SUGGESTED ABOVE AND ABSOLUTE LIMIT CONTAINED IN PARA (C), WHICH CAN BE AMENDED AS FURTHER FUNDING BECOMES AVAILABLE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE EMBASSY TO NEGOTIATE AND SIGN AGREEMENT PROPOSED IN PARA TWO. LUCEY

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